



# COURSE PLANNING 2024-2025

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is with deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy'əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

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# HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

- **Make sure you can get into your MyEd account!**

Instructions for resetting passwords and enabling disabled accounts can be found under "Families" on the UHill website.

- **Watch for information in the grade TEAMS**

- **Research sites:**

- MyBlueprint
- Educationplannerbc <https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/>



# STUDENT PROCESS

- 1. Student assemblies and parent presentation through MS Teams
- 2. Students should bring home planning form to research and discuss with family
- 3. Students will enter course choices into MyEd for next year between **February 5<sup>th</sup>** and **February 15<sup>th</sup>**
- 4. Hand in **Course Selection forms** to the LLC by **February 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - **AP applications** are due **February 16<sup>th</sup>**



# **CHOOSE CAREFULLY**

- Your choices determine what courses are offered next year.
- We will make every effort to get you the classes you choose now.
- It is difficult to make changes later because often classes are full and we can't get you in.



# COURSE CHANGE POLICIES

- Course change requests will be accepted from **Sept 9<sup>th</sup> to Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 2024**
- Students will be able to submit one paper request form, no emails next year.
- **Please note course changes are not guaranteed due to class conflicts, full classes, etc.**
- After September 13<sup>th</sup> 2024 – a letter from a parent and administrator approval **will be required**
- Permission to change a course after the deadline will only be considered in exceptional cases (i.e. medical). A letter from parents will be required.
- Course changes after the deadline may receive a “W” on report card



# **KEY POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- Current Graduation Requirements
- Personal Future Choices
- Post-Secondary Admission Requirements



# **UHILL COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

- Grade 8            8 courses
- Grade 9            8 courses
- Grade 10          8 courses
- Grade 11          8 courses
- Grade 12          7 or 8 courses

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(INCLUDE GRADE 10-12 COURSES)

## Courses vs. Credits    1 Course = 4 Credits

Required credits	48	Credits
CLC + Capstone	4	Credits
Elective credits	<u>28</u>	Credits
Minimum to graduate =	80	Credits

Must include:

- minimum 4 Grade 12 level courses (including EN 12)
- minimum 4 credits of an Indigenous Focus course (Grade 10, 11 or 12)
- Assessments: Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, and Literacy 12

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/graduation-requirements>

# GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

- Numeracy Assessment (Grade 10)
- Literacy Assessment (Grade 10)
- Literacy Assessment (Grade 12)  
(UBC is requiring a 3 or 4 on the Lit 12 assessment for admission)

**These must all be completed in order to graduate** (and you must graduate in order to go to University).

# CORE GRADE 10 COURSES

- English 10 4 credits
  - English First Peoples Literature & Writing 10
  - Creative Writing & New Media 10
- Social Studies 10 4 credits
- Math 10 4 credits
  - Foundations and Precalculus 10 (University req)
  - Workplace Math 10 (graduation, college)
- Science 10 4 credits
- PHED 10 4 credits
- Career Life Education 10 4 credits
- Elective FA/AS (10-12) 4 credits
- Second Language 4 credits  
(needed for some Universities – UBC & SFU)\*

- \*Not required for high school graduation or most Universities



# CORE GRADE 11 COURSES

- English 11 4 credits
  - Focused Literary Studies 11
  - Creative Writing 11
- Social Studies 11 or 12 4 credits
- A Math 11 4 credits
  - Pre-calculus 11 (University Arts and Fine Arts)
  - Pre-calculus 11 & 12 (University Engineering, Science, Business)
  - *Foundations 11 & 12 (University Arts, Fine Arts) – **online only***
  - Apprenticeship & Workplace Math 11 (Some University Arts, Fine Arts, graduation, Apprenticeship programs)
- A Science 11 (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) 4 credits  
Chemistry & Physics 11 required for Engineering and most science programs
- Language 11 (for BC Universities like UBC & SFU)\* 4 credits
- 3 additional electives 12 credits

\* Not required for high school graduation

# CORE GRADE 12 COURSES

- English 12 4 credits
- 3 additional Grade 12 courses 12 credits
- Career Life Connections + Capstone 4 credits

**Total Required Credits: 48**

**Plus Elective Credits: 28**

**CLC + Capstone: 4**

**Minimum credits 80**



# **CAREER LIFE CONNECTIONS & CAPSTONE**

CLC is a continuation of CLE 10 and looks at planning for life after high school. It is done through remote assignments on MS Teams with a teacher available to support the students.

The Capstone project is a passion project guided by a teacher and presented in the spring of Grade 12.

# EXTERNAL CREDITS

- **Approved credits authorized by Ministry of Education (Ministry Approved Organizations)**
- Some examples include:
  - Languages (Grade 7+ in another country)
  - Music (RCM Grade 6 and above)
  - Dance exams
  - Speech & Drama exams
  - Sports: Athletics – Provincial Level Athletes
  - Youth Development: (Scouts, Guides)
  - Industrial Development: (Driver's Ed., Industrial First-aid)

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/graduation/getting-credit-to-graduate/external-credentials>



# **ELECTIVE COURSES INCLUDE**

- Applied Skills
  - Business Education
  - Home Economics
  - Technology Education
- Fine Arts
  - Visual Arts
  - Drama
  - Music
- Academics (beyond requirements)

## 5 YEAR COURSE SELECTION AT A GLANCE

Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
EN 8	EN 9	EN10 choice	EN 11	EN 12
SS 8	SS 9	SS 10	SS 11 or 12	Gr 12 elective
MA 8	MA 9	MA 10	MA 11	Gr 12 elective
SC 8	SC 9	SC 10	SC 11 choice	Gr 12 elective
PHE 8	PHE 9	PHE 10	Elective	Elective
FR 8 (or ELC or Skills)	FR 9 (or ELC or Skills)	CLE 10	Elective	Elective
AS 8	AS 9 elective	Elective (Second Language)	Elective	Elective
FA 8	FA 9 elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
		Lit assessment 10 Num assessment 10		Lit assessment 12 CLC/Capstone





# ELL PROGRAM

- **ELL 1**      **reception/beginner**
  - ELL English, Socials, Communication & Science
- **ELL 2**      **intermediate**
  - ELL English, Socials, Communication & Science
- **Transitional**
  - Transitional English 10 & Socials 10 (regular credits)
  - English Learning Center (4 credits)



# SEMESTERS

- Semesters **CANNOT** be used to accelerate
- Semesters **CAN** be used to catch up



# **AP (ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM)**

- Passion/interest
- Challenge and rigour
- AP exams may provide 1<sup>st</sup> year university credits
- Policies differ at some universities
- AP is recommended for US and UK applicants
- AP may enhance supplementary and scholarship opportunities

# AP MYTHS AND TRUTHS

- Myth
  - You need to complete AP's in Grade 11.
- Truth
  - You do not need to finish AP's in Grade 11 if you are taking the course in school. The course mark will show on your school transcript.
- Myth
  - AP courses are needed to get into Canadian Universities.
- Truth
  - Most Canadian Universities treat AP courses the same as Grade 12 courses so a lower mark in an AP course will not be helpful.
  - Students can request University credits for AP courses at some Universities if they a good score on the exam.
  - AP courses can help get into US and UK Universities.

# AP COURSES FOR 2024/2025

- **AP Biology 12**
  - Pre-Requisite: Biology 11 Pre AP
- **AP Calculus AB 12**
  - Pre-Requisite or co-requisite: Pre-Calculus 12
- **AP Chemistry 12**
  - Pre-Requisite: Chemistry 11 Pre AP
- **AP Economics-Microeconomics 12**
  - Pre-Requisite: none, open to all in Gr 11 &12
- **AP Human Geography 12**
  - Pre-Requisite Course Required: Socials 11
- **AP English Literature and Composition 12**
  - Pre-requisite: English 11 taken at UHill
- **AP Physics 1**
  - Pre-Requisite Course Required: Pre-Calculus 11 (or to be taken concurrently)
- **AP Physics 2**
  - Pre-Requisite Course Required: AP Physics 1
- **AP Statistics 12**
  - Pre-requisite: Pre-calculus 11 and cannot be taken concurrently with AP Calculus

# AP GUIDELINES

- Students may take up to a **maximum of 4 AP courses** at UHill per year
- Students are automatically registered for the AP exam in September and are expected to pay for it even if you might not write it in the spring.
- There is no reason not to write the exam. The exam scores are not part of your course mark and are not reported on your BC transcript. Universities only see the exam score if you ask college board to send the score to them.
- Students who choose to NOT write the AP exam(s) will **NOT** have the "AP" version of the course recorded on their transcript, it will be converted back to the Grade 12 course credit.
- **Students taking AP courses are expected to carry a full course load at UHill as it is an enrichment program for students looking for additional academic challenge.**





## **Selection Criteria For AP**

Students must complete an application with an AP letter of intent for any AP course they are hoping to take.

**Due by February 16<sup>th</sup>** Students **MUST** have completed the necessary pre-requisite courses as indicated in the AP course description(s) in the course planning guide and must have these pre-requisites approved by the AP selection committee.

Students will be ranked and priority will be given to students who have achieved a minimum of 86% in the pre-requisite course(s) with no course mark below 60% and a minimum average of 86% in the best 6 of 7 **courses at U Hill**.

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**See Course Planning Guide**



**AP Applications can be picked up from and returned to the following teachers:**

**All Math and Science courses      Mr. Wilke or Mr. Low**

**Micro-economics                      Ms. Sodhi**

**English Literature                      Mr. Cutting**

**Human Geography                      Mr. Yetman**

# CAREER PROGRAMS

- Opportunities for career awareness and exploration
- Opportunity to start working while still in school (ex. BCIT, VCC, Etc.)
- Different industry training careers to choose from
- Possible paid work experience
- Dual credits (high school graduation & post-secondary)
- [Career Programs \(vsb.bc.ca\)](http://vsb.bc.ca)

# CAREER PROGRAMS

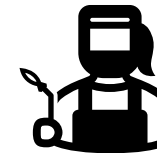
- Some of the career programs available through vsb are:

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Aircraft maintenance  
Auto collision refinishing  
Auto service technician  
Baking and pastry art  
Carpentry  
Cook  
Electrical trades  
Hairdressing  
Heavy duty mechanic  
Plumbing  
Painting



Healthcare assistant  
Youth WORK in trades  
Fashion design  
IT and CISCO Networking  
Tupper Tech trades sampler  
Enhanced Trades (Killarney)



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# **COURSE SELECTION**

## **THINGS TO CONSIDER**

- **Graduation requirements vs Post secondary requirements**
- Canadian Post Secondary Planning begins with Grade 11  
the Math and Science choices affect options
- US Post Secondary Planning begins with Grade 9  
they look at all marks from Grade 9 up



## **GRADE 11 POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- **For direct entry to Sciences and Engineering**
- Precalc 11
- Physics 11
- Chemistry 11






# **POST SECONDARY**

## FINDING THE BEST FIT

- Faculty / Program
- School / Location
- Activities / Sports / Lifestyle
- Financial Planning

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- 1. What subjects are you best at?
  - 2. What subjects and activities do you enjoy?
  - 3. Do you want to be part of a large university with lots of research and professional programs or would you like to be part of a small community focused on students and learning?
  - 4. Do you want or need to stay at home (half the cost of going away) or do you want to go away?
  - 5. Do you want to live in a big city or perhaps be in a smaller town that focuses on the university?



# **EXAMPLES OF FACULTIES**

THEY DIFFER AT DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES

- **Arts** (Social Sciences / Humanities)
- **Sciences**
- **Applied Science / Engineering**
- **Business / Commerce**
- **Fine Arts**
- **Education**
- **Nursing**
- **Agriculture / Land and Food Science**
- **Kinesiology / Human Kinetics**

# HOW TO CHOOSE A PROGRAM

- 1. Consider your interests, strengths and passions
- 2. Research programs
  - MyBlueprint
  - Educationplannerbc
  - Post-secondary websites
  - School counsellor
  - **University recruiter visits (dates on grade teams & student bulletin)**
  - UHill counselling website for virtual information sessions  
<https://uhillcounselling.weebly.com/>
- **ASK – do I have the admission requirements?**



# **RECOMMENDED COURSES FOR ADMISSIONS TO CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES**

**Based on Current Available Information – January 2024**

## **General requirements for competitive Canadian universities:**

- Graduation from high school
- Minimum of 70 % in English 11 or 12
- 5 or 6 academic Grade 12 courses

## **English Language Admission Standard (ELAS)**

- Four consecutive years of study at an English speaking school in an English speaking country
- Achieve competence standard on one of the approved tests of English Proficiency



<https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/requirements/canadian-high-schools#british-columbia>

<https://future.utoronto.ca/apply/requirements/canadian-high-school-canadian-university-and-college/>

<https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/admission-requirements/canadian-highschool/bc-yukon.html>

<https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/admissions/admission-requirements>

Vancouver

Okanagan

## Vancouver campus

Your location:

**British Columbia**

British Columbia



If this location isn't correct, please select another province or territory from the dropdown menu.

### English language requirement

English is the language of instruction at UBC. All prospective students must demonstrate English-language competency prior to admission. There are nine different ways to meet the [English Language Admission Standard](#).

### General admission requirements

- Graduation from high school
- Minimum of 70% in Grade 11 or Grade 12 English (or their equivalents)
- At least six academic/non-academic Grade 12 courses (recommended, but not required)





Arts



## Arts

### Grade 12 requirements

- English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12
- If you intend to major in Economics, you must complete Pre-Calculus 12

### Grade 11 requirements

- Any English Language Arts 11 or any English First Peoples 11
- A [language 11](#) or [waiver](#) (includes all second language courses, including all Indigenous languages of Canada, but excludes introductory Grade 11 language courses)
- Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 12
- A Science 11 (Physics 11, Life Sciences 11 (Biology 11), Chemistry 11, Earth Sciences 11, or Environmental Sciences 11)



## Applied Science (Engineering)

### Grade 12 requirements

- English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12
- Pre-Calculus 12
- Chemistry 12 (outstanding candidates missing Chemistry 12 or equivalent are encouraged to apply and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis)
- Physics 12 (outstanding candidates missing Physics 12 or equivalent are encouraged to apply and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis)

### Grade 11 requirements

- Any English Language Arts 11 or any English First Peoples 11
- A [language 11](#) or [waiver](#) (includes all second language courses, including all Indigenous languages of Canada, but excludes introductory Grade 11 language courses)
- Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 12
- Chemistry 11
- Physics 11

# LANGUAGE CHALLENGE

- Available for: Mandarin 11/12, Korean 11/12, Japanese 11/12, French 11/12, Spanish 11/12, Farsi 11/12 and Punjabi 11/12
- If you are fluent in another language and do not have credit for the courses, you can write a challenge exam for each level, 11 and 12, you will get 4 credits for each exam passed and the mark will go on your transcript
- The exams are offered once a year in January or February (in Delta)
- Registration is in **October.**
- **Students must meet with their counsellor to determine eligibility**
- (Many Universities **will not** use language challenge 12 marks for admission calculations, but UBC & SFU do accept as meeting the second language requirement)

# GRADE 12 ACADEMIC COURSES OFFERED AT UHILL

**English 12 (required)**  
**AP Literature and Composition 12**  
**Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Century History 12**  
***AP Human Geography***  
**Physical Geography 12**  
**Law Studies 12**

**Economics 12**  
**MicroEconomics 12/AP**

**ICT:Computer Programming 12**

**French 12**  
**Spanish 12**

**Anatomy & Physiology 12/Biology AP**  
**Chemistry 12/AP**  
**Physics 12/AP**

**Pre-calculus 12**  
**Calculus 12/AP**  
**AP Statistics 12**

# COURSE OPTIONS

## **English**

English 11

- Creative Writing 11
- Focused Literary Studies 11

## **Math**

Pre-calculus 11

Workplace Math 11 (for grad and college)

Pre-calculus 12 (Prec11 prerequisite)

Calculus 12 (Prec12 pre-requisite or co-requisite)

AP Calculus AB (see course book, application required)

AP Statistics 12 (see course book, application required)

## **Science**

Life Sciences 11

Anatomy and Physiology 12

AP Biology 12 (see course book, application required)

Chemistry 11

Chemistry 12

AP Chemistry 12 (see course book, application required)

Physics 11

Physics 12

AP Physics 1 (see course book, application required)

AP Physics 2 (see course book, application required)

# COURSE OPTIONS

## **Social Studies**

Explorations in Social Studies 11  
Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12  
20<sup>th</sup> Century World History 12  
Law Studies 12  
Physical Geography 12  
*AP Human Geography 12* (pre-req & appl'n)

## **Other**

*Psychology 11*

## **Modern Languages**

French 11/12 (pre-requisite)  
Spanish 11/12 (pre-requisite)

## **Fine Arts**

### **Visual Arts**

Drawing & Painting 11/12  
Ceramics & Sculpture 11/12  
Photography 11/12  
Annual Design 11/12

### **Drama**

Acting 11/12  
Theatre Company 11/12  
Film & Television 11/12  
Stagecraft 11/12

# COURSE OPTIONS

## **Fine Arts**

### **Music**

Choir 11/12

Chamber Choir 11/12 (audition required)

Senior Orchestra 11/12 (audition required)

Junior Concert Band 11/12

Senior Concert Band 11/12 (audition required)

## **Applied Skills**

### **Business**

Accounting 11

Accounting 12

Entrepreneurship 12

Economics 12

AP Microeconomics 12 (see course book, application required)

## **Information Technology**

Computer Information Systems 11

Computer Information Systems 12

Computer Programming 12

## **Home Economics**

Food Studies 11/12

## **Technical Studies**

Drafting 11/12

Engineering 11/12



# COURSE OPTIONS

## **Physical Education**

Active Living 11/12

Warrior Fitness & Conditioning 11/12

Yoga for Life 12

Leadership 11/12

## **Other offerings**

Community Service 11

Library Services 11

Peer Tutoring 12

## **Final notes**

Most Science programs and all Engineering programs require Chemistry and Physics 11 plus two Grade 12 sciences.

Sciences, Engineering, and Business programs all require Precalculus 11 and 12. Ontario Universities require Calculus 12 for these programs as well.


Arts/Humanities/Social Sciences and Fine Arts only require Precalculus 11 and one Science 11 course.

# SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS & PERSONAL PROFILES

- **Be aware that Supplemental Applications and Personal Profiles may be required**
  - They are looking for School/Community/Extra-curricular Involvement
- Broad Based Applications –“whole” individual
  - Queens – PSE (Personal Statement of Experience)
  - Waterloo – AIF(Admission Information Form)
  - UBC - personal profile
- Specific Faculty/Program
  - Business (Supplementary profile/video interview)
  - Fine Arts (Portfolio, Audition)

# BC COLLEGES AND SMALL UNIVERSITIES

- Academic & Career Programs
  - Arts Degree versus IT Technician
- Flexible entrance criteria
  - Lower GPA, rolling admissions, language exemptions, etc.
- Upgrading courses
- Smaller classes
- Focus on instruction
- Lower cost/tuition
- Ladder programs – Certificate>Diploma>Associate Degree>Degree
  - Langara – Certificate/Diploma>Business Degree
- **University Transfer Options**
  - BC Universities expect a certain percentage of students to start at college and transfer to university after one or two years.
  - Langara/Capilano – 1 or 2 year transfer, enter into second or third year at a large University

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- **Langara college** - Apply October 1<sup>st</sup> !

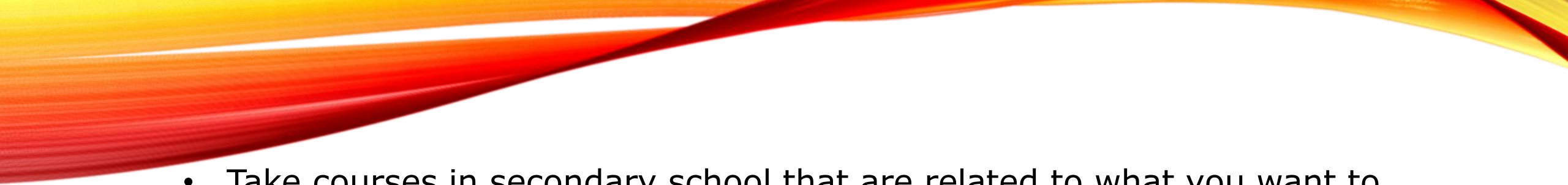
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- **Corpus Christi college**

- This college is on the UBC campus and students have access to the UBC facilities like the sports facilities and the libraries

# UBC ADMISSIONS

- **Overall average** – grade 11 and 12 academic marks with the exception of the lowest grade (marks in applied design, skills and technology, PE, and career and personal planning will be excluded)
- **Core average** – set of courses that are relevant to the program you are applying to
- Submit a minimum of six grade 12 marks for the overall average and four grade 12 marks for the core average
- **Personal Profile** – short answer questions about a student, extra curricular involvement,

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- Take courses in secondary school that are related to what you want to study at UBC.
  - UBC will look at your grades in nearly ALL your academic grade 11 and 12 courses.
  - When they look at your overall grades, they will **drop your lowest** grade 11 or 12 course; so it is safe to experiment.
  - They will pay particular attention to courses related to what you want to study at UBC. If you have the course at both the grade 11 and 12 level, more emphasis will be placed on the grade 12 grade.
  - Challenging yourself by taking more courses or more rigorous courses can also be beneficial.

# US ADMISSIONS

- Overall average – grade 9 to 12
- SAT / ACT scores (some are “test optional” this year)
- Essays
- Letters of Recommendation
- Extra Curricular Involvement
- Common Application
- **Start EARLY** (now if you are in Grade 11!)
  - Be aware of deadlines
  - Give referees at least **three weeks** to write letters of recommendation



# SUMMER SCHOOL NOTES

- It can be a good way to repeat a failed course or to bring up a mark.
- It **does not** give a good foundation for the next level course when trying to accelerate (it is too fast).
- **Tell your counsellor what your plans are and update us if your plans change!!!**
- We want to make sure we have room for you in the right course next year!

# COURSE PLANNING BOOKLET 2023-2024

- Course Booklet & Course Planning Presentation can be downloaded at:
  - <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/university-hill/page/4557/course-planning>
- Please refer to Course Booklet to choose courses
- Counsellor contacts
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# IMPORTANT DATES

- **Feb 16<sup>th</sup>** AP applications due to AP teachers
- **Feb 15<sup>th</sup>** Course choices forms due in LLC drop off box  
- please include alternate choices so I don't have to choose for you!
- **Feb 15<sup>th</sup>** Course entry into MyEd deadline